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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 2751

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECIN, EFIN, CU, TD

SUBJECT: ADMISSION OF CUBA TO CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET  
AND CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

REF: STATE 264220

1. WHILE MEETING WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOREIGN MINISTER CUTHBERT JOSEPH NOVEMBER 10, I QUERIED HIM BRIEFLY ABOUT HIS RECENT TRIP TO HAVANA FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CDCC (OR CARIBBEAN COMMITTEE OF ECLA) AND WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE CUBAN ADMISSION TO THE CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET OR CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

2. JOSEPH QUITE QUICKLY STATED THAT ANY SUCH CUBAN PARTICIPATION WOULD BE VERY PREMATURE IN EITHER INSTITUTION  
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AND SOME MEMBERS WOULD OBJECT STRONGLY. HE DID NOT

PURSUE THE ISSUE AND NEITHER DID I BUT I GOT THE  
IMPRESSION THAT HAVANA DISCUSSIONS HAD AT LEAST NOT  
SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED ANY SUCH AFFILIATION.

3. IN THE LONG VIEW, HOWEVER, I AM AWARE THAT PRIME  
MINISTER WILLIAMS FEELS GREATER ASSOCIATION AND COMMON  
INVOLVEMENT OF ALL CARIBBEAN ISLAND STATES TOGETHER  
IS DESIRABLE AND HE WOULD INCLUDE BOTH CUBA AND PUERTO  
RICO EVENTUALLY IN SUCH A DIALOGUE. NEVERTHELESS, I  
SERIOUSLY QUESTION WHETHER THE GOTT IS FOSTERING EARLY  
ADMISSION OF CUBA TO EITHER CARICOM OR THE CDB.  
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